



Membership Director

Annual Report 2020

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In March, I don't think anyone on the Board of Directors would have predicted that, by the end of the summer, we would have a full harbour and a waiting list of 14 boats looking for moorings along with 86 new members. In spite of the many challenges that COVID has brought on, it also brought opportunities for BYC. We were able to showcase our little jewel nestled in Britannia Village as a destination for those who were seeking to expand their horizons—albeit closer to home. This year, we have again demonstrated how, as a Club, we are flexible and creative as we work to support our existing members and welcome new members.

Our New Members Night was also adapted to meet the requirements of physical distancing. We ran two Friday night sessions, rotating small groups between stations where they were introduced to various aspects of the Club, its facilities, its social life and its history. This gave us the opportunity to get to know our new members and for our new members to get to know each other.

There are so many people to thank this year for their contributions in supporting our membership community. I am grateful for the support of my Committee: Trevor Clark, Rory Hartley, John Irvin, Joan Yuile and, in particular, Renee Brennan—who has been my right hand. Thanks equally to all those from the Board and David Foy who came out on the New Members Night to share their love of the Club and the people who are part of it.

Next year may also bring a few wind shifts and perhaps the occasional squall, but I am confident that with all the creativity and persistence we have demonstrated as a community, we will grow stronger and more vibrant.